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February 17, 2023

**By ECF**

The Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Adedayo John,  
S1 21 Cr. 609 (LAP)

Dear Judge Preska:

The Government respectfully submits this letter motion to request that the Court accept defendant Adedayo John's guilty plea allocution, made before Magistrate Judge Stewart D. Aaron on February 13, 2023. The transcript of that proceeding and the text of a proposed order are appended hereto. The Government is also submitting a preliminary order of forfeiture that was signed by both parties pursuant to the parties' plea agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Counsel of Record (via ECF)

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
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- v. - : **[PROPOSED] ORDER**  
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ADEDAYO JOHN, : S1 21 Cr. 609 (LAP)  
Defendant. :  
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WHEREAS, with the defendant's consent, his guilty plea allocution was made before United States Magistrate Judge Stewart D. Aaron on February 13, 2023;

WHEREAS, a transcript of the allocution was made and thereafter was transmitted to the District Court; and

WHEREAS, upon review of that transcript, this Court has determined that the defendant entered the guilty plea knowingly and voluntarily and that there was a factual basis for the guilty plea;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the defendant's guilty plea is accepted.

SO ORDERED:

Dated: New York, New York  
February \_\_, 2023

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THE HONORABLE LORETTA A. PRESKA  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
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3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

4 v.

21 Cr. 609 (SDA)

5 ADEDAYO JOHN,

6 Defendant.  
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8 New York, N.Y.  
9 February 13, 2023  
10 12:05 p.m.

11 Before:

12 HON. STEWART D. AARON,

13 U.S. Magistrate Judge

14 APPEARANCES

15 DAMIAN WILLIAMS

16 United States Attorney for the  
17 Southern District of New York

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18 Assistant United States Attorney

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19 Attorney for Defendant

20 *The plea is accepted.*

22 SO ORDERED

23 *Loretta A. Preska*  
24 LORETTA A. PRESKA  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

25 *2/21/23*

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1 (Case called; appearances noted)

2 THE COURT: All right. Good afternoon.

3 Mr. John, I am Magistrate Judge Aaron. I have before  
4 me a document entitled "Consent to Proceed Before a United  
5 States Magistrate Judge on a Felony Plea Allocation."

6 Am I correct that you signed this document?

7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

8 THE COURT: All right. The form says you know you  
9 have the right to have your plea taken by a United States  
10 district judge, but you are agreeing to have your plea taken by  
11 me, a United States magistrate judge. As a magistrate judge, I  
12 have the authority to take your plea with your consent, and you  
13 will still be entitled to all the same rights and protections  
14 as if you were before a district judge. Among other things, if  
15 are you found guilty, you will be sentenced by a district  
16 judge.

17 Did you sign this consent form voluntarily?

18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

19 THE COURT: And before you signed, did your lawyer  
20 explain it to you?

21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

22 THE COURT: And do you wish to proceed with your plea  
23 before me, a United States magistrate judge?

24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

25 THE COURT: All right. So I'm going to accept the